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Sir:

Applicant hereby appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision dated June 19, 2003 of the Examiner finally rejecting claims 1, 2, 5-8 and 15-20 of the above-identified application.

The item(s) checked below are appropriate:

1. month(s):	An extension of time for responding to the final rejection for three
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2.	A timely response to the final rejection was filed on September 18, 2003.
3.	 A fee in the amount of \$330.00 is:
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Respectfully submitted,

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